In the Claims:

1. (Original) A head gimbal assembly comprising a gimbal suspension that includes a metal flexure bonded to a slider having a magnetic head element, wherein

a region of an oxide film on a slider-bonding surface of the flexure is completely or incompletely removed to form a film-removed region, and

conductive adhesive resin is disposed between the film-removed region and the slider.

2. (Original) A head gimbal assembly according to Claim 1, wherein the film-removed region is formed by mechanical scratching.

3. (Original) A head gimbal assembly according to Claim 1, wherein the film-removed region is formed by laser irradiation or electrical discharge in an inert atmosphere.

4. (Original) A head gimbal assembly according to Claim 3, wherein the flexure and the slider are bonded with the conductive adhesive resin in the inert atmosphere for the laser irradiation or the electrical discharge.

5. (Withdrawn) A method for manufacturing a head gimbal assembly having a gimbal suspension that includes a metal flexure bonded to a slider having a magnetic head element, the method comprising the steps of:

forming a film-removed region by completely or incompletely removing a region of an oxide film on a slider-bonding surface of the flexure; and

bonding the film-removed region and the slider with conductive adhesive resin.

6. (Withdrawn) A method for manufacturing a head gimbal assembly according to Claim 5, wherein the film-removed region is formed by mechanical scratching.

7. (Withdrawn) A method for manufacturing a head gimbal assembly according to Claim 5, wherein the film-removed region is formed by laser irradiation or electrical discharge in an inert atmosphere.

8. (Withdrawn) A method for manufacturing a head gimbal assembly according to Claim 7, wherein the film-removed region and the slider are bonded with the conductive adhesive resin in the inert atmosphere for the laser irradiation or the electrical discharge.

9. (New) A head gimbal assembly according to Claim 1, wherein the flexure has a U-shaped through groove forming a tongue on which the slider is disposed.

10. (New) A head gimbal assembly according to Claim 1, wherein the oxide film is adjacent to the film-removed region.

11. (New) A head gimbal assembly according to Claim 1, wherein a portion of the flexure that forms the film-removed region is thinner than a portion of the flexure that does not form the film-removed region.

12. (New) A head gimbal assembly according to Claim 1, wherein the film-removed region is substantially smaller than the slider.

13. (New) A head gimbal assembly according to Claim 1, wherein no perforations in the flexure are present the film-removed region.